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To whom it may concern,

I write to you regarding docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0197, and 97P-0197. This is in order to ban the forced molting of laying hens, which only results in infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. Forced molting destroys the hen's immune system, predisposing them to salmonella poison. This act is not only cruel, but it is contaminating our society! The FDA was petitioned in order to ban forced molting last year. This petition should be granted as soon as possible, so that we can clean up the egg industry.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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## **CROSS REFERENCE SHEET**

Docket Number/Item Code: 98N-1230/C501

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